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SUBJ THAI EDIT ON DRUG MENACE

1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POST, IN TUESDAY EDIT, ENTITLED "FACING UP TO THE DRUG MENACE", SAYS: "...AT ONE TIME OUR TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DID NOT CONSIDER THE DRUG PROBLEM TO BE A DOMESTIC ONE BUT RATHER AN INTERNATIONAL ONE, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE UNITED STATES...IT WAS NOT REALIZED IN THOSE DAYS THAT LARGE PORTIONS OF NARCOTICS FLOWING FROM THE 'GOLDEN TRIANGLE' THROUGH THAILAND TO OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE BOUND TO BE DEPOSITED WITHIN OUR COUNTRY."

2. EDIT GOES ON TO STATE THAT OFT-HEARD ESTIMATE OF 500,000 ADDICTS IN THAILAND IS PROBABLY CONSERVATIVE FIGURE, BUT COMMENTS THAT NOW THAI GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED VIGOROUS ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE AND IS ALSO ACTIVELY PURSUING CROP SUBSTITUTION METHODS. EDIT HOPES THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL STEP UP REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS, THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS WILL DO THEIR PART, AND THAT POLICE WILL GO AFTER BIG WHEELS IN NARCOTICS SYNDICATES. MCGINLEY

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